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Date: 18 Nov 93 15:01:37 GMT  
From: hearst.acc.Virginia.EDU!murdoch!hopper!porter@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: CMOS Super Keyer II  
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

A friend of mine let me borrow his "CMOS Super Keyer II",  
and I like it very much. Where can I buy one of these?  
The book says that it was made by KC0Q and N0II. This book  
was printed by Idiom Press, Box 583, Deerfield IL 60015.  
Do these guys make them and sell them? Do they sell them  
through distributors like HRO and AES? How much do they  
sell for?

The feature list sounds identical to the Logikey unit (that  
HRO sells for about \$120). Are these the same design? Any  
comments about either of these units?

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Date: Wed, 17 Nov 1993 21:44:19 GMT  
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!cs.utexas.edu!sdd.hp.com!  
col.hp.com!srgeprp!alanb@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Drake R4A ... any good?  
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

o10022@a81.corp.mot.com (o10022@a81.corp.mot.com) wrote:  
: Having a chance to buy a used Drake R4A (plus some miscellaneous) for my  
: son, at under \$150, but having no knowledge of that particular rig, have  
: any of you comments to offer on that equipment? Thanks, and reply by email  
: if preferred.

The R4A is a very nice old receiver -- nice stable dial with 1 kHz readout,  
good selectivity, notch filter. But \$150 sounds a little high, unless  
the radio is in excellent shape.

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Date: 20 Nov 93 10:28:24 GMT  
From: rtp.vnet.net!char.vnet.net!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: icom 229H mods  
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

Can anybody out there tell me if the Icom 229H can be modified to receive  
in the 450 MHz range?

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Date: Mon, 15 Nov 1993 01:07:17 GMT  
From: munnari.oz.au!spool.mu.edu!darwin.sura.net!perot.mtsu.edu!raider!theporch!  
jackatak!martinbw@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: NovAtel mod?  
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

I have a NovAtel cellular phone and have seen some posts that indicate  
it is possible to modify these to work in the 33cm (902MHz-928MHz) ham  
band. I have never seen a post that actually explains how this is done or  
where the parts can be purchased to make this into a ham rig. If someone  
could let me know or post it here I would appreciate it.

Thanks,  
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Date: 17 Nov 1993 21:50:41 GMT  
From: korie!newscast.West.Sun.COM!abyss.West.Sun.COM!sunspot!myers@ames.arpa  
Subject: Tentec Scout 555 or a Yaesu FT747GX?  
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

In article g3h@cville-srv.wam.umd.edu, ham@wam.umd.edu (Scott Richard Rosenfeld) writes:

>So then the dilemma is the following:

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>The Scout almost surely has a better receiver, and better filtering.

>The Scout ALSO makes you worry about what to do with the extra modules

> when not in use. Think about cassette tapes in your car...

>The Scout, from all accounts, does NOT use such little power, compared

> to the Argonaut and other QRP rigs of old. BIG LED display makes

> sure of this.

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>The Yaesu has a general coverage receiver.

>The Yaesu covers all ham bands right out of the box.

>The Yaesu lacks the excellent receiver & filtering.

>The Yaesu is bigger.

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>They're built to an entirely different philosophy. Depends what's important

>to the owner. Ten-Tec also has excellent service if you need it.

It isn't clear that the Ten-tec receiver is superior to the FT-747GX receiver. Without objective test results, I'd avoid making such judgement. If you have some objective data, I'd like to see it.

The FT-747GX, with an FM module installed, draws about 1A on receive.

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